

COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 23, 1893.

The clipper ship *Fortuna*, which arrived from San Francisco on Friday, was placed in the mail from that city and the *Fortuna* from New York on to November 24th, and from San Francisco to December 24th. The principal items of news, political, commercial and marine, will be found under the appropriate heads.

The *Fortuna*, by this time, has the bark *Yankee* and arrived on the 1st inst., having made one of her quick trips. The *Fortuna* will sail for Hong Kong on Monday, if sufficient freight is obtained for Manila. She came inside the harbor to discharge the Manila cargo for this port. The bulk of it consists of shingles.

The bark *Friendship* arrived on Friday, after a very long and tedious passage from Yokohama, bringing a cargo of lumber, shingles and spars; the latter coming to order for the use of the ship.

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A survey has been had of the wharf-clipper *Fortuna*, of New Bedford, the result of which is that she is considered as unseaworthy. We understand that her owners are considering the matter. The wharf-clipper *Fortuna*, of New Bedford, and bark *Yankee*, of Honolulu, have also been examined. Both of them have received severe damage and staining during the past season at the north. The *Fortuna* will be closed out at auction today.

The fine clipper *Fortuna* and *Mountain* have both sailed on Tuesday the 21st, with full cargoes of oil and bone for New Bedford. *Fortuna* is sailed for Bremen. Their cargo is reported in another column.

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THE PACIFIC Commercial Advertiser.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 23.

The whaling season of 1893 may be considered as closed, although several vessels which have been looked for are still out. Their catchings, however, cannot materially alter the aspect of the season, which we now give. Our list on the fourth page, which gives the report of each vessel, shows that quite a number (22) have gone on Southern cruises without touching here. Those vessels will probably touch here in the spring and ship their oil and bone.

The whole number of whalers arriving at the islands during the fall of 1893 has been 218, viz:

American	204
French	9
Hawaiian and German	5
Total	218

Of these 211 have been right whalers and traders; the amount of oil taken by which during the past season is 130,795 bbls. oil and 1,667,700 lbs. bone. The following table places the totals in comparison with those for previous years from 1852. The average quantity of oil and bone taken by each ship (which includes the above four flags) is, nearly, 620 bbls. oil, and 7,904 lbs. bone, which is a serious falling off from the average of the previous seasons, and only about half that of 1852.

Year	No. of ships	Oil (bbls.)	Bone (lbs.)
1852	100	250,000	3,000,000
1853	110	260,000	3,100,000
1854	120	270,000	3,200,000
1855	130	280,000	3,300,000
1856	140	290,000	3,400,000
1857	150	300,000	3,500,000
1858	160	310,000	3,600,000
1859	170	320,000	3,700,000
1860	180	330,000	3,800,000
1861	190	340,000	3,900,000
1862	200	350,000	4,000,000
1863	210	360,000	4,100,000
1864	220	370,000	4,200,000
1865	230	380,000	4,300,000
1866	240	390,000	4,400,000
1867	250	400,000	4,500,000
1868	260	410,000	4,600,000
1869	270	420,000	4,700,000
1870	280	430,000	4,800,000
1871	290	440,000	4,900,000
1872	300	450,000	5,000,000
1873	310	460,000	5,100,000
1874	320	470,000	5,200,000
1875	330	480,000	5,300,000
1876	340	490,000	5,400,000
1877	350	500,000	5,500,000
1878	360	510,000	5,600,000
1879	370	520,000	5,700,000
1880	380	530,000	5,800,000
1881	390	540,000	5,900,000
1882	400	550,000	6,000,000
1883	410	560,000	6,100,000
1884	420	570,000	6,200,000
1885	430	580,000	6,300,000
1886	440	590,000	6,400,000
1887	450	600,000	6,500,000
1888	460	610,000	6,600,000
1889	470	620,000	6,700,000
1890	480	630,000	6,800,000
1891	490	640,000	6,900,000
1892	500	650,000	7,000,000
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NOTES OF THE WEEK.

THE YANKEE.—This vessel had a short passage over to San Francisco of twelve and a half days. She was to sail again on the 16th of Dec., and should this strong wind continue, will be in before our next issue.

FROM AN ITEM TOWNSMAN J. F. B. Marshall, Esq., has purchased a property in Woburn, Mass., about thirty miles from Boston, where he intends to reside in future.

AN IMPORTANT BOAT.—The Hawaiian House of Representatives is probably the only similar body in the world that has a *Boat* for its Chaplain.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.—We are requested to call attention to the auction sale this evening at Colburn's, of toys, etc., suitable for Christmas presents.

SHORTEST DAYS.—Yesterday and to-day were the shortest of the year; after they will begin to increase in length.

A notice relative to letters sent by the new overland routes, will be found among the advts.

HAWAIIAN LEGISLATURE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THURSDAY, DEC. 16.

In the absence of the Speaker, Mr. Austin was chosen to preside pro tem.

ORDER OF THE DAY.
There being no other business before the House, the orders of the day were taken up.

The bill to amend the 13th chapter of the Penal Code passed a final reading.

The House then resumed the consideration of the Civil Code in committee of the whole, Mr. Kaunawa in the Chair.

Sec. 141. "General Provisions," as follows:

Sec. 141. (a) No license granted to any retail vendor of goods, wares and merchandise shall be construed to authorize the sale of alcoholic liquors, or other preparation under the name of a beverage, to be used as a beverage. The absence of the usual quantity of perjury in any such preparation, as conclusive evidence of an intention to evade the law relating to the retailing of spirits as liquor.

Sec. 141. (b) No retailing house or hotel license shall authorize the sale of alcoholic liquors, or other preparation, for which such license is granted. Any such sale shall be held as evidence of an intention to evade the law relating to the retailing of spirits as liquor.

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